



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Fire Chief
Director of Health Services

At its meeting held September 27, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Supervisors Molina and Antonovich's recommendation to direct the Fire Chief and the Department of Health Services' Emergency Medical Services Agency to designate a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week air ambulance service in the East San Gabriel Valley; and direct the Emergency Medical Services Agency to designate LAC+USC Medical Center as the primary trauma center for any portions of the San Gabriel Valley that are not covered by Huntington Memorial Hospital's trauma center

The following revised statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Molina and Antonovich:

"For over a year, the Board of Supervisors, in partnership with the San Gabriel Council of Governments, and other County and City leaders from local fire and law enforcement agencies, reviewed efforts to have a private hospital in the East San Gabriel Valley area as a trauma center system. These efforts have focused on the reentering of Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center. It was reported by Pomona Hospital that it is not feasible to reenter the County's trauma system, due to the lack of physician and nurse specialists necessary for trauma designation, the hospital's capacity and infrastructure, and the high cost of reentering and sustaining a dedicated trauma center. It is commendable that Pomona Hospital conducted the feasibility study to assist political leaders in the East San Gabriel Valley, to better understand the hospital's concerns in reentering the trauma system.

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“Although a dedicated private trauma center in the San Gabriel Valley is not feasible at this time, this Board is working on an alternative solution that includes: a) designating a Fire Department paramedic helicopter, 24 hour, seven days a week, to strengthen our trauma preparedness network to the region, and b) designating LAC+USC Medical Center as the primary trauma center that will receive trauma patients from those areas not covered by Huntington Memorial Hospital trauma center. San Gabriel Valley residents are often transported by ambulance ground transport (75% of transports) to LAC+USC Medical Center in Boyle Heights, but air transported patients (25% of transports) are sent to various trauma centers on a rotating basis. It is imperative that the East San Gabriel Valley has around-the-clock airlift capabilities, with a primary trauma hospital dedicated to serve the community.”

Councilmember George Hunter, City of Pomona, and Chairman of the Trauma Care Task Force, and Councilwoman Carol Herrera, City of Diamond Bar and President of the San Gabriel Valley County of Governments, P. Michael Freeman, Fire Chief, Carol Meyer, Executive Director of Emergency Management Services, Dr. Demetrios Demetriades, Director of the Division of Trauma and Surgical Intensive Care Unit, LAC+USC Medical Center, and Pete Delgado, Chief Executive Officer of the LAC+USC Healthcare Network, Department of Health Services addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Directed the Fire Chief and the Director of Health Services' Emergency Medical Services Agency to:
 - Designate a 24-hour, seven-days-a week Fire Department paramedic air squad helicopter for the East San Gabriel Valley; and
 - Allocate annually \$450,000 in Measure B funds to support this program expansion; and
2. Directed the Emergency Medical Services Agency to designate LAC+USC Medical Center as the primary trauma center for any portions of the San Gabriel Valley that are not covered by Huntington Memorial Hospital's trauma center.

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